

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A body reinforcement device for a vehicle comprising a rigid reinforcement member connecting two portions of a vehicle body to each other and a damping force member connecting the two portions of the vehicle body such that both the rigid reinforcement member and the damping force member generally span the space between the two portions of the vehicle body, wherein the rigid reinforcement member and the damping force member are disposed side by side in a parallel orientation to each other.
2. (Original) The body reinforcement device for a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the damping force member comprises a hydraulic damper.
3. (Original) The body reinforcement device for a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the damping force member comprises a rubber viscoelastic member.
4. (Original) The body reinforcement device for a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rigid reinforcement member comprises a first end and a second end, the damping force member comprises a first end and a second end, and the rigid reinforcement member first end and the damping force member first end collectively are fixed to one of the two portions of the vehicle body by one mounting bracket.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The body reinforcement device for a vehicle as claimed in claim [[5]]1, wherein the rigid reinforcement member comprises a first member and a second member, the first and second members being disposed side by side to the damping force member.